

Following is a letter addressed to Mr. Powell. The Chairman of the FCC with copies sent to everyone on the Board of Directors.

Hello Mr.Powell,

I am contacting you regarding my opposition to loosening restrictions in place that guard against the concentration and monopolization of media outlets in this country. The previous deregulation, in 1996, which has resulted in the enormous growth and subsequent saturation of large media companies like Clear Channel is severely limiting the ability of our cherished, long standing "free press" to remain a faithful watchdog for society. History tells us that concentration of communication channels are some of the first steps taken by any regime bent on controlling and influencing the majority of it's citizenry. Examples are easily examined by looking at virtually every totalitarian society. A Democracy cannot stand on limited opinion and lack of accurate information. America was once the most informed and educated population on the globe. This was achieved through diversity of opinion and monopolistic control of communication outlets stifles diversity.

Please consider the plight of those who need your organization to protect the sanctity of free and diversified information sources... free from the dogma of a conflicted agenda. Millions of Americans take the information fed them as fact, regardless of its accuracy, because they have come to trust the system that has served this great nation so well in the past. Many are beginning to realize deregulation and the changes that have come along with it are not achieving objective accuracy in journalism. In fact, the opposite is becoming quite apparent.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your attention to this important issue. My ancestors were among the original founders of this country. My relatives have been Congressmen, Governors and a President. I don't write to people in your position lightly. The very fabric of our society is becoming stained by the lack of objectivity in the media and this is a direct result of deregulation. To allow it to continue unchecked, or to loosen the restrictions placed upon media owners for good reason, would further erode objectivity and damage the institution of journalism that is the hallmark of this and every free society.

Sincerely,
C.R. Hall